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BIOSYNTHESIS OF LIGNAN, AND USE THEREOF**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

	Independent Claims	Total Claims
Claims After Amendment	5	21
Excess Claims	2	1